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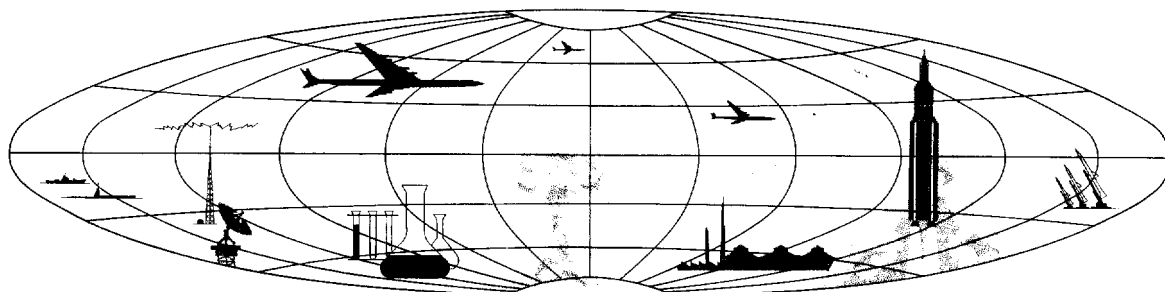
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EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA

(46-21N 047-53E)

ASTRAKHAN, ASTRAKHANSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

NORTH CAUCASUS MD

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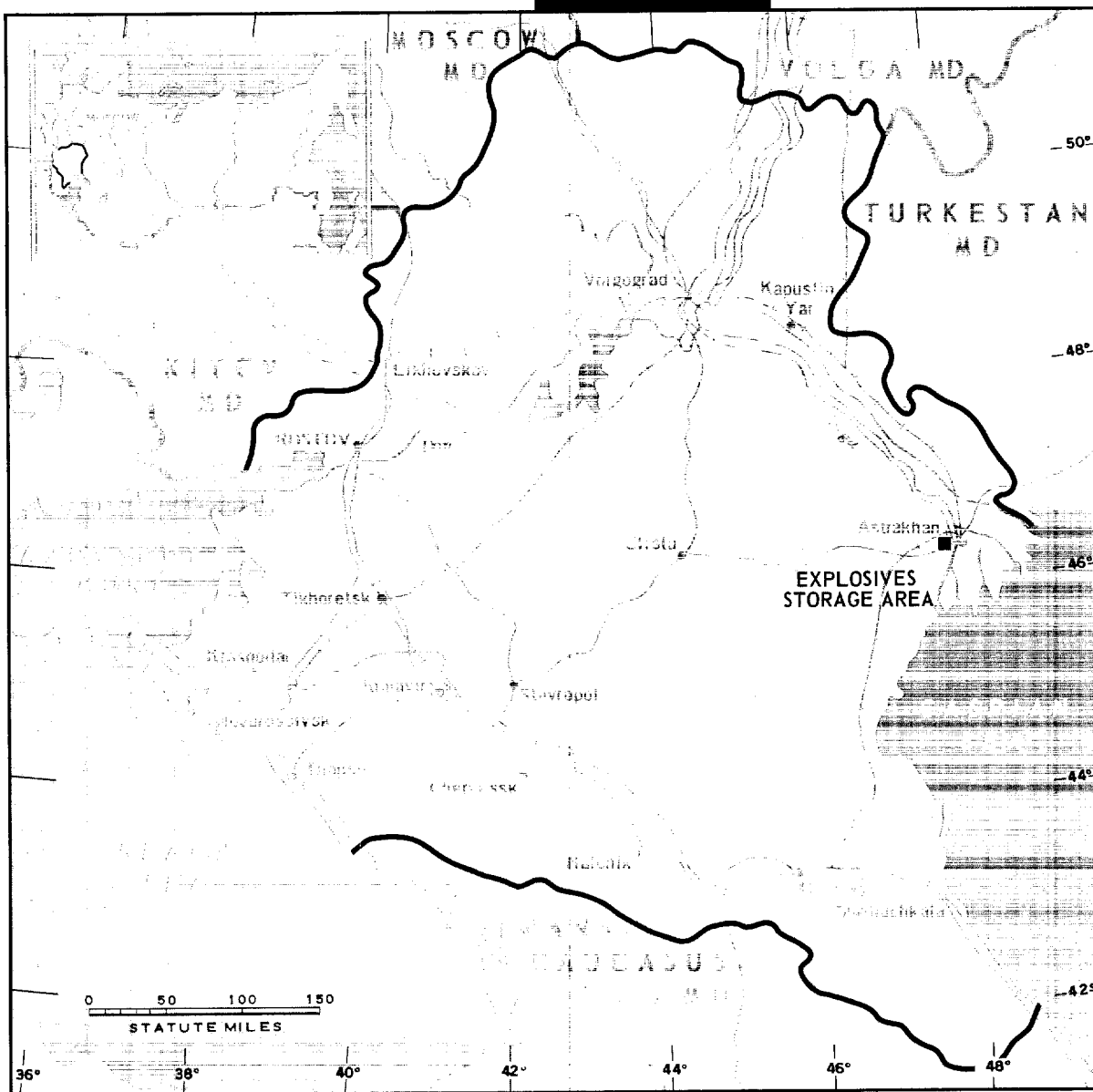


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA.

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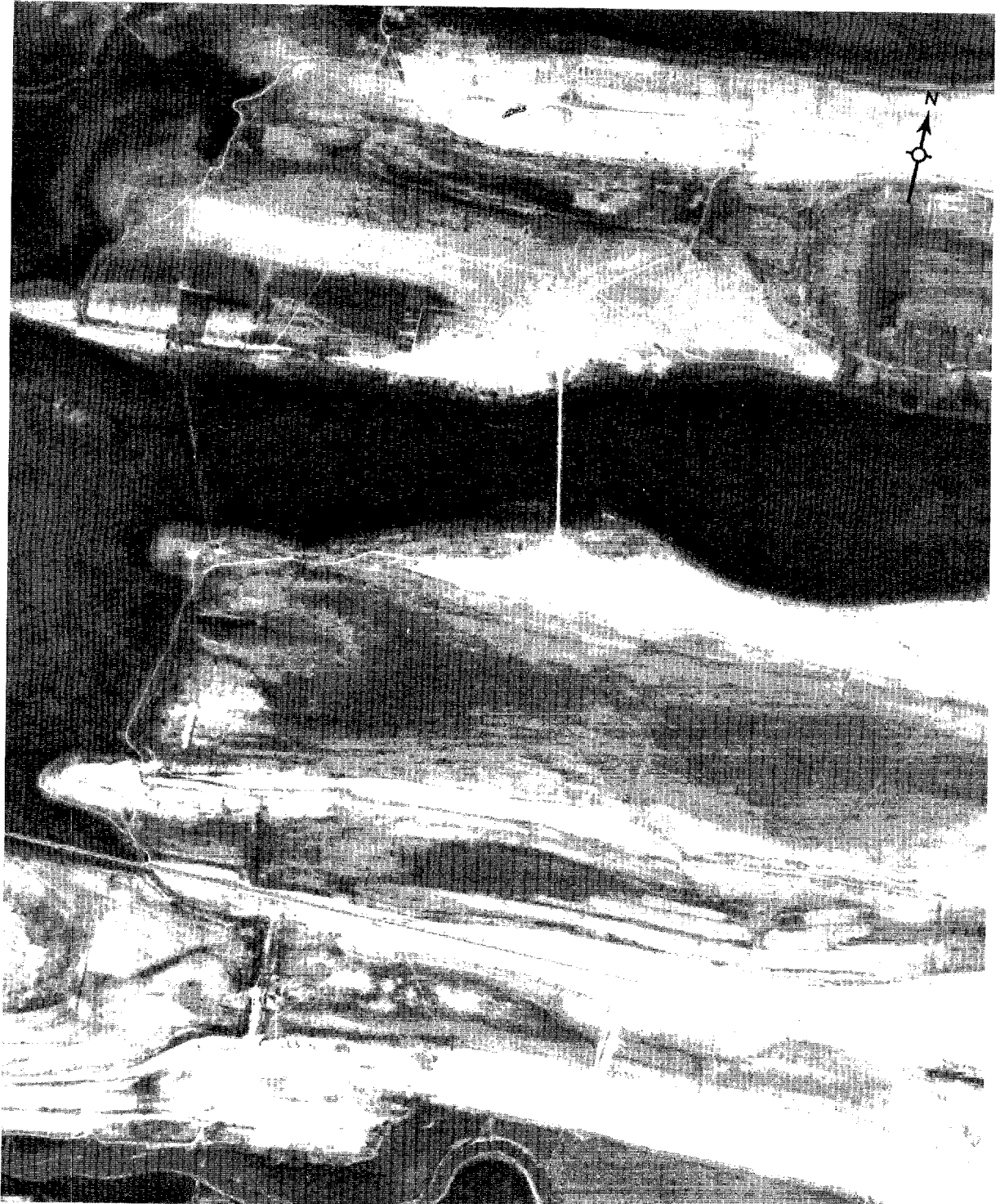


FIGURE 2. EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA, ASTRAKHAN, USSR

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#### SUMMARY

A small double-secured explosives storage area is located approximately 10 kilometers (km) west of the center of Astrakhan and 5 km south of the main runway of the Astrakhan NW Airfield (Figure 1). Its exact role cannot be determined; however, it may be associated with a military installation in Astrakhan or the Astrakhan NW Airfield, or it may be used for storing explosives for the numerous mines to the south.

The installation, covering approximately 15 acres, contains an explosives storage building, 2 small storage buildings/bunkers, and a guard hut (Figures 2 and 3).

[REDACTED] missions have covered the area since [REDACTED]. There has been no change within the installation; however, the main road into the area from Astrakhan was built between [REDACTED]

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#### DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

##### Road Service

The installation is served by a good all-weather road from Astrakhan.

##### Aircraft Landing Strip

Astrakhan NW Airfield is 5 km north.

##### Ammunition Storage Area

The installation contains an unrevetted explosives storage building, 2 explosives storage buildings/bunkers, and a guard hut.

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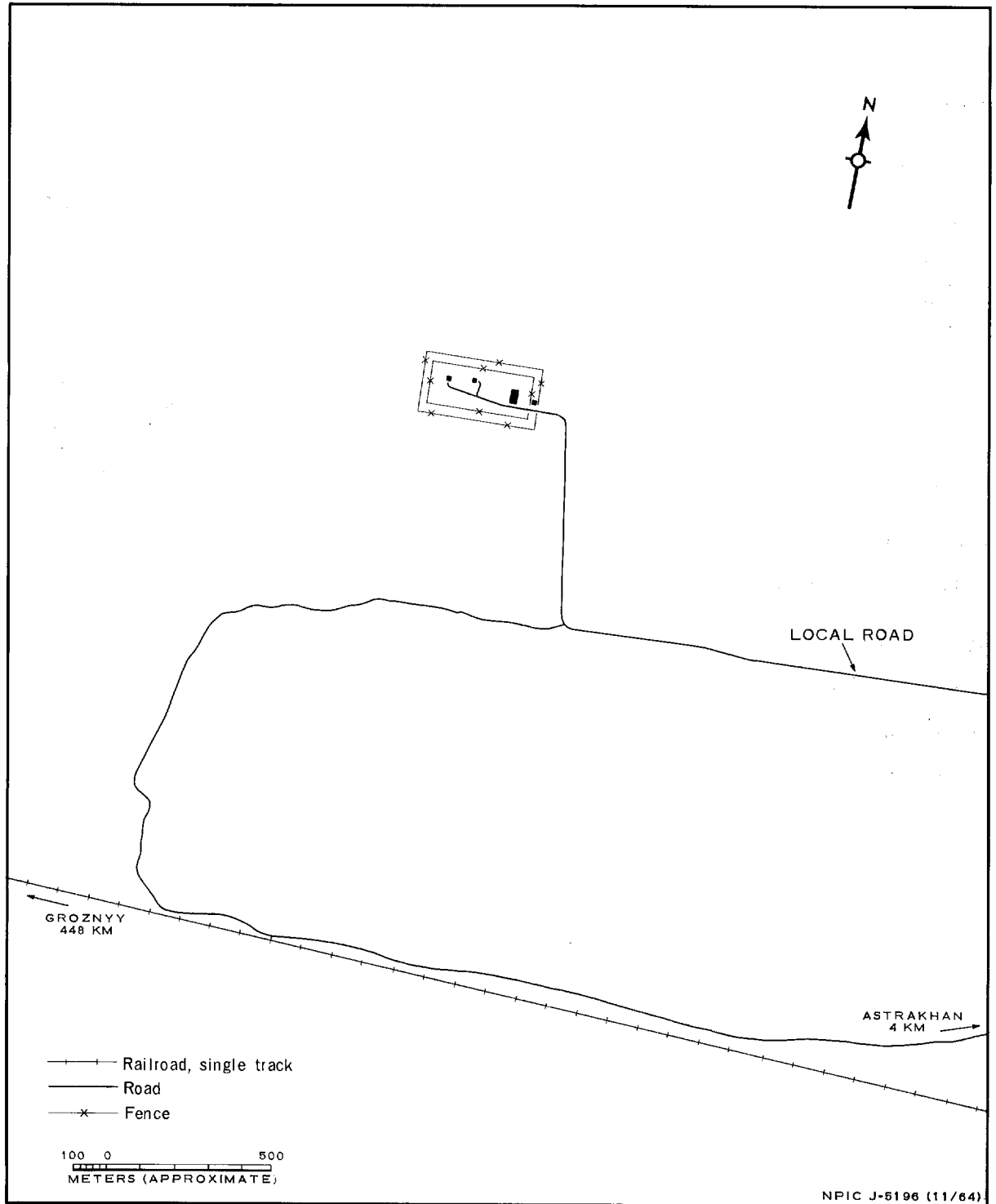


FIGURE 3. EXPLOSIVES STORAGE AREA, ASTRAKHAN. Sketch compiled from

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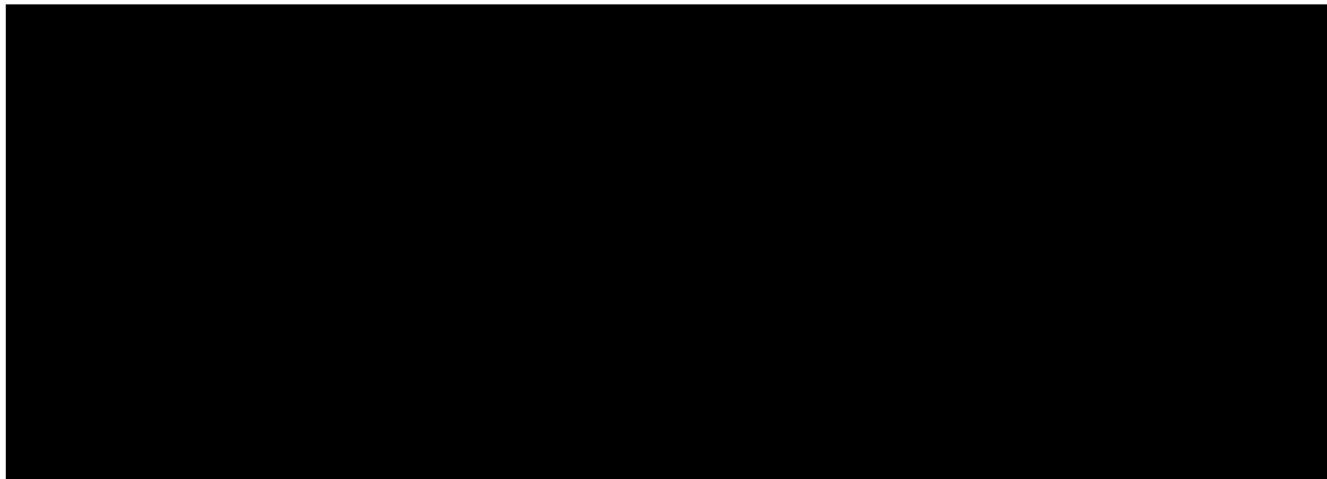
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#### MAPS OR CHARTS

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#### REQUIREMENT

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#### NPIC PROJECT

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